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BASE ORDER 11015.7C

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: SEA TURTLE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Ref: (a) Public Law 93-205, Endangered Species Act of 1973
(NOTAL)
(b) MCO P5090.2 (NOTAL)
(c) BO P3570.1
(d) BO 11015.3B
(e) BO 11017.1C

Encl: (1) Map of Onslow Beach, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune
(2) Photo of Protected Turtle Nest

1. Purpose. To set forth regulations and establish responsibilities to ensure the conservation of the Atlantic loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*) and green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) aboard Marine Corps Base (MCB), Camp Lejeune.

2. Cancellation. BO 11015.7B.

3. Background

a. The Atlantic loggerhead turtle and the green sea turtle are threatened species listed in the Code of Federal Regulations (50 C.F.R. Section 17.11-List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife) and may come ashore onto any portion of the Atlantic Ocean beaches at Camp Lejeune for the purpose of nesting. The nesting season is during the period May through October.

b. In accordance with 16 U.S.C., Section 1531, et seq., The Endangered Species Act, it is unlawful for any person(s) subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. Further, it is unlawful for any person to violate any regulation promulgated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the protection of any such species. Persons who knowingly harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt any such conduct with respect to a loggerhead turtle or green sea turtle may be

assessed a civil penalty up to \$25,000 per violation. Those same persons may also be prosecuted in Federal District Court and upon conviction receive a criminal fine not to exceed \$20,000 per violation and/or imprisonment not to exceed one year per violation. Military members are also subject to trial by courts-martial or non-judicial punishment as deemed appropriate by their respective commanding officers.

c. References (a) and (b) set forth the policy for the conservation of endangered and threatened species.

4. Summary of Revision. This Order has been revised in its entirety and should be reviewed thoroughly.

5. Action. Commanders and officers-in-charge will ensure strict compliance with the following regulations:

a. Utilization of the beach along the Atlantic Ocean from the sand dunes seaward is subject to the following during nesting season May through October.

(1) The shooting, wounding, killing, capturing, or collection of any Atlantic loggerhead turtle/green sea turtle, or any attempt to engage in such conduct is prohibited.

(2) The destruction or collection of any Atlantic loggerhead turtle/green sea turtle eggs, the destruction of their nests or any attempt to engage in such conduct is prohibited.

(3) Digging, excavating or building tank traps on the beach is prohibited.

(4) Training exercises will generally be limited to the operating area between Riseley Pier and the Onslow South Tower in accordance with reference (c). Riseley Pier is located at grid coordinates 903263 and the Onslow South Tower is at grid coordinates 881248 as shown in enclosure (1). In all cases, training exercises shall be confined to the minimum amount of beach necessary to complete the training objectives. Requests for use of other than the identified operating area will be addressed to this headquarters for approval.

(5) Egress from the beach to the road behind the sand dunes shall be at designated egress routes. Vehicular traffic is prohibited on the dunes.

(6) During the nesting season of May through October, night landing during training exercises should be reduced to a minimum level, consistent with training and mission objectives.

(7) During the nesting season of May through October, night lighting during training exercises should be kept to a minimum level or eliminated, if possible.

(8) All vehicular travel on the beaches should be restricted to the tidal zone except within the identified operating area, provided that all turtle nests have been removed from the operating area prior to any landings.

(9) Causeway site designation and construction will be accomplished only in cooperation from the Base Environmental Management Department (EMD).

(10) During the nesting season of May through October, nighttime use of the beaches for recreation will be restricted to those uses not requiring artificial lighting or fires.

(11) Off-road recreational vehicles utilizing Onslow Beach are subject to the provisions of this Order and the applicable provisions of reference (e).

b. Person(s) identifying turtle nests that have not been marked/protected in accordance with enclosure (2) will report same to EMD, telephone 12195/12148, stating approximate location of nesting site.

c. Nests south of Riseley Pier in the operating area will be relocated to other safe locations. The relocation of any nest, anywhere on the beach, shall be accomplished by EMD personnel only.

d. Commanders will conduct a continuous education/information program to ensure all personnel are aware of the contents of this Order.

5. Violations

a. Reports. Violations of this Order that are observed or noted shall be reported to the Assistant Chief of Staff, Training, Education and Operations (AC/S, TE&O), MCB, Camp Lejeune. Substantiated reports of violations will be forwarded to appropriate Commanding Officers/Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for action as they deem appropriate.

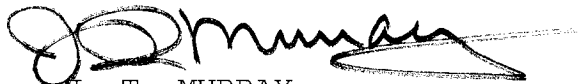
b. Military members who violate this Order are subject to prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

c. Civilian personnel who engage, or attempt to engage in prohibited conduct with regard to the Atlantic loggerhead and green sea turtles, their eggs, or their nests are subject to prosecution under the Endangered Species Act by the Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), MCB.

6. Reports. Command/General Staff recipients of reports concerning violations of this Order are to provide feedback within 15 working days to the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base (Attention: AC/S, TE&O) concerning the resolution of each report of violation pertaining to the respective command.

7. Reserve Applicability. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

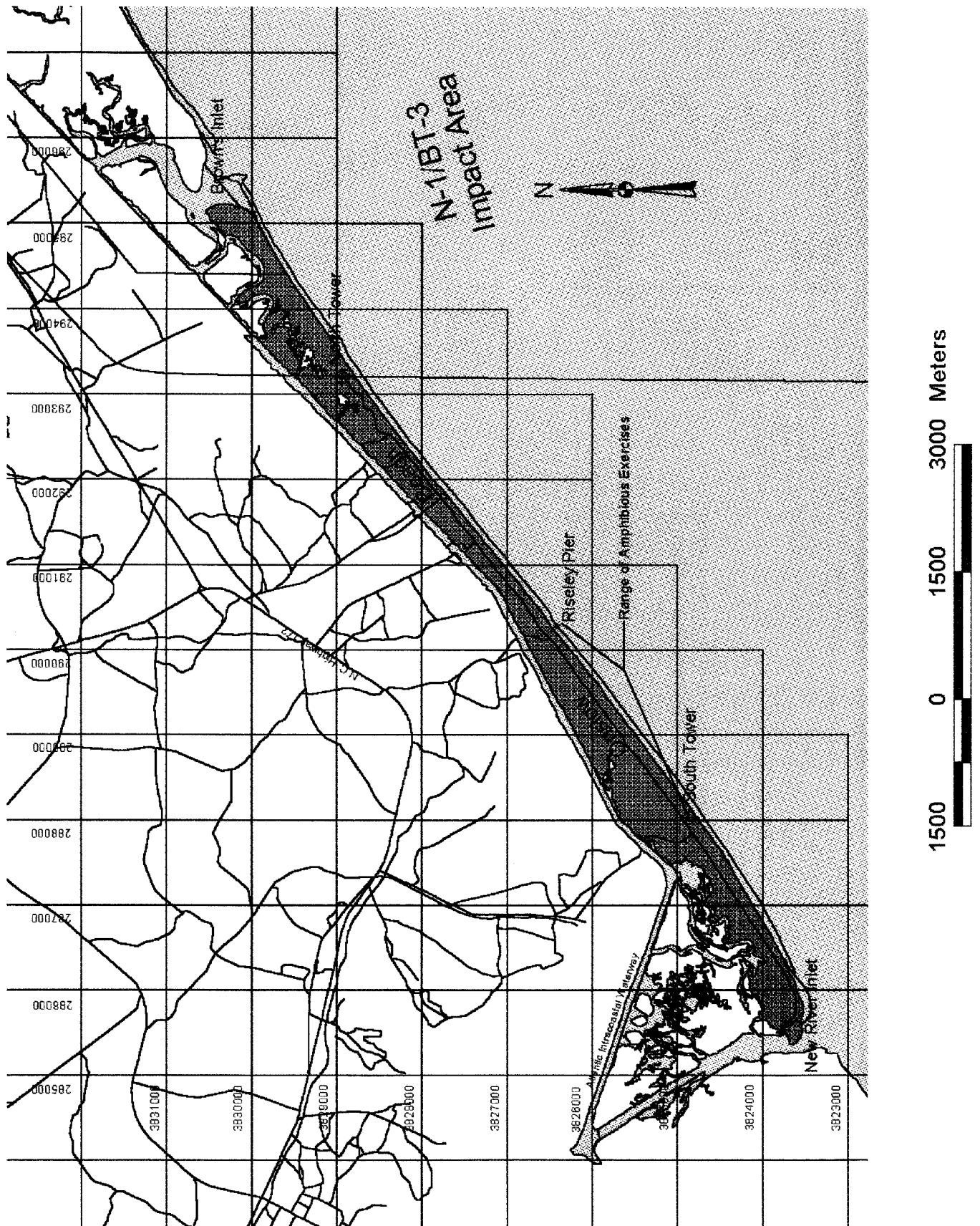
8. Concurrence. This Order has been coordinated with and concurred in by the Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic; Commanding Generals, II Marine Expeditionary Force; 2d Marine Division; 2d Force Service Support Group; and the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, New River.

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J. T. MURRAY
Chief of Staff

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MAP OF ONSLOW BEACH, MARINE CORPS BASE, CAMP LEJEUNE



PHOTOGRAPH OF PROTECTED SEA TURTLE NEST

